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UNAMID LOGISTICS UNIT

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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel points to MFA East Africa Office Director Giuseppe Pastorelli on April 24, requesting Italian support for the logistics unit pledged by Ethiopia to the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID). Pastorelli said our approach was the first he had heard about the March 24 Friends of UNAMID meeting, where this issue was originally raised, per reftel. He said he would query the Italian mission in New York for details. Although he could not immediately offer a response to our request, he said budgetary constraints would limit Italy's ability to respond positively to our request. Pastorelli thought one possible source for a contribution would be the Italian Africa Peace Facility, a mechanism created in 2007 to allow Italy to contribute to peace and security efforts in Africa in coordination with the African Union. Post will follow up with Pastorelli to determine whether support is likely to be forthcoming.
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